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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67737

KAKUYAMA, TSUTOMU

Appln. No.: 10/018,222

Group Art Unit: 1654

Confirmation No.: 7906

Examiner: Patricia A. Patten

Filed: December 18, 2001

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For: MEANS FOR STABILIZING HEMOGLOBIN

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, claims 13-15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25-26, for examination, with traverse.

Therefore, it is requested that the prosecution proceed with the examination of Group I, claims 13-15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25-26. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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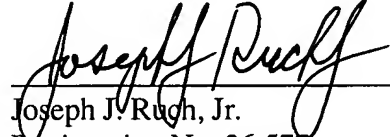
The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account..Respectfully submitted,

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